

Petitions 0411/2016, 1353/2015, 0413/2016, 0422/2016, 0429/2016, 0945/2016, 0988/2016, 1011/2016, 1026/2016, 1063/2016, 0188/2017, 0268/2017, 0277/2017, 0278/2017, 0279/2017, 0283/2017, 0302/2017, 0640/2017, 1257/2017, 1258/2017, 0171/2018, 0603/2018, 0665/2018, 1111/2018, 0624/2019, 0850/2020, 1464/2020 and 0316/2021

The Commission's observations

The abuse of fixed term contracts in the public sector in Italy is part of an ongoing infringement procedure against Italy (INFR n. 2014/4231). This infringement procedure concerns a wide number of issues on the rules applicable to the employment of different categories of workers in the Italian public sector, including the abuse of fixed term contracts of workers in a number of sectors¹ and their compatibility with Directive EC/1999/70².

Since issuing an additional letter of formal notice on 3 December 2020 under that procedure, the Commission has received several replies from the Italian authorities and is in a dialogue with them on the different grievances set out in the additional letter of formal notice. The Commission is analysing the information submitted by the national authorities, including recent exchanges in August 2022, and will take into account, in that framework, the information recently provided by some of the petitioners, in particular as regards forestry workers in different Italian regions.

Once its assessment is finalised, the Commission will take a decision on the possible next steps in the infringement procedure.

Conclusion

The Commission is assessing the information submitted by the Italian authorities in the framework of the ongoing infringement procedure. Once this assessment is finalised, the Commission will take a position on the possible next steps in the infringement procedure.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_20_2142

² Council Directive 1999/70/EC of 28 June 1999 concerning the framework agreement on fixed-term work concluded by ETUC, UNICE and CEEP, OJ L 175 of 10.7.1999